

Riviera Park Fund Reaches \$15,000 Goal

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OVER THE TOP . . . S. Mark Taper (second from right), president of American Savings and Loan Association, presents a check for \$350 to Robert Reis, chairman of the Riviera Park Committee. Present for the presentation were William Czuleger (left), mayor of Redondo Beach, and Bob Westerfield, manager of American Savings' Redondo Beach office. The check brought the Riviera Park Committee fund to \$15,500—its goal. The money will be used to help develop a two-acre park at the intersection of Palos Verdes Boulevard and Catalina Avenue in the Riviera Village.

Beautification Plan

Riviera Merchants Spur Park Project

One of the most unusual civic beautification projects in this area is expected to be under way by early fall. The project, initiated by the Riviera Village Merchants' Association, involves two cities and numerous residents and businessmen in the Riviera Village area.

Plans, now being completed by the city of Redondo Beach, call for the development of a two-acre park west of the intersection of Palos Verdes Boulevard and Catalina Avenue.

The two-acre site is owned by the cities of Redondo Beach and Torrance. The two cities have agreed to do the engineering and grading

and to install curbs and gutters for development of the park—provided some \$15,000 in funds for actual development of the park could be raised from merchants and residents of the surrounding area.

THAT \$15,000 goal was reached this month—after nearly three years of planning—when S. Mark Taper, president of American Savings and Loan Association, contributed \$350 to the fund.

Robert L. Reis, general manager of the Plush Horse Inn and chairman of the Riviera Park Committee, said the contribution brings to \$15,500 the total contri-

buted toward the park project.

American Savings plans to construct a new Redondo Beach office near the park, it was noted.

RIES NOW expects construction to begin in the early fall. Plans, he explained, were developed by Richard McGowan, a landscape architect, and are now being reviewed by the Redondo Beach Engineering Department. Torrance officials are expected to begin their review of the plans next week.

The two-acre site is partially blacktopped and has been an eyesore in the Riviera Village for several years, Reis said. The idea for making a park out of the area came to the fore when the merchants' association initiated a general beautification plan in the Village some three years ago.

The plans drew enthusiastic support from virtually everyone associated with the Riviera Village.

MAJOR contributions for the project have been received from the Riviera Homeowners Association, the Riviera Village Rotary Club, the Riviera Village Association, and the Riviera Sportsmen's Club.

Other donors have included the Kiwanis Club, the Plush Horse Inn, the Plush Pony Coffee Shop, Howard's Market, Stanley Dunn, Joe Vilarino, and James B. Waller.

Other firms and individuals making major contributions have included Morgan Moore, Bob Byrne, Palos Verdes Escrow Co., Fred Heckinger, Kimberly-Pacific Corp., Harbor Savings and Loan Association, American Savings and Loan Association, Bank of America, Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Don Ballard, John Danis, and John Popovich. CONTRIBUTIONS also (See PARK, Page A-2)



LEONARD ENSMINGER Gets Gardena Post

Ensminger Takes Post at Hospital

Leonard Ensminger, former administrator at Torrance Memorial Hospital, has been appointed administrator at Memorial Hospital of Gardena.

Ensminger's appointment was announced by David Brotman, M. D., president of the hospital board. Dr. Brotman also announced the appointment of Sydney S. Rooth, M.D., former administrator, to the post of executive vice president.

Ensminger completed his premedical education before entering the Army, then took post-graduate course in hospital administration at the University of California.

He took his internship at San Antonio Community Hospital in Upland, Calif., UCLA Medical Center. He served 12 years at Torrance Memorial Hospital and is active in numerous civic affairs here.

Ensminger and his wife, Marion, are parents of four children. The family lives on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Father of Five Killed As Auto Hits Building

Charges Filed in Death

A formal complaint charging manslaughter and driving under the influence of an intoxicant has been filed against LaVerne (Larry) Hoyt, 18, of 1724 Spreckles Lane, Redondo Beach. The youth faces arraignment July 26 in South Bay Municipal Court.

Hoyt was arrested July 14 after the station wagon he was driving was involved in a fatal collision. The victim, Anthony Willie Frye, 56, of 17424 Delia Ave., died at Gardena Emergency Hospital shortly after the mishap.

Torrance police said Frye was standing next to or leaning into his car, parked on Artesia Boulevard, when the vehicle was struck by Hoyt's station wagon. The impact forced Frye's car over the curb and into a nearby garage.

Original charges of hit-and-run and drunk driving were dropped from the complaint, police said.



FATAL CRASH . . . A Torrance police officer inspects the twisted wreckage of a small sports car which carried Carl W. (Rick) Tomlinson, 25, to his death early Friday morning. Tomlinson was dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital about 1:10 a.m. The car slammed into the side of a McDonnell-Douglas facility near 223rd Street and Western Avenue, trapping Tomlinson in the wreckage. (Press-Herald Photo)

Victim Trapped In Car

A 25-year-old father of five was killed early Friday when his sports car apparently ran off Western Avenue and slammed into a building.

Carl Whitmer (Rick) Tomlinson, of 2508 Sierra St., was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital at 1:09 a.m.

Police investigating the crash said no witnesses reported seeing the Tomlinson vehicle—a sports car convertible—until just prior to the crash. The car was first spotted, police reported, traveling across a parking lot south of the building at a "high rate of speed."

OFFICERS believe Tomlinson was traveling north on Western Avenue. They were unable to determine, however, where the car left the road.

The car crashed into a newstand, hit a chain-link fence, and slammed into the side of a McDonnell-Douglas Corp. building near 223rd Street and Western Avenue. Officers at the scene said Tomlinson was pinned inside the car and had to be cut free.

TOMLINSON is survived by his wife, Jorgie of Torrance; a son, Carl Richard; and four daughters, Kelly Ann, Trina Kay, and twins Tracey and Stacey.

Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Bess Tomlinson of 1430 Palos Verdes St., San Pedro; a brother, Tommy of Washington, D. C.; and three sisters, Patricia Crossdale and Sylvia (See CRASH, Page A-2)

Burglars Flee With 30 Suits

Burglars apparently gained entrance to Bernard's Men's Store early Friday morning by driving a motor vehicle against the rear glass door, smashing it open.

Before police could get to the store at 306 Avenue I, burglars managed to cart off some 30 men's suits.

Store owner Eddy Polak of Redondo Beach told police that each of the stolen suits bears the Bernard's label on the inside pocket.

An attendant at a nearby donut shop summoned police at 3 a.m.

Japanese Students Set Visit to Area YMCAs

Eastern and western teenage cultures will blend a little closer this summer as 17 young YMCA members from Nagoya, Japan, spend a week with their counterparts in the Southwest area.

The youth exchange trip is co-sponsored by "sister city" YMCAs in Los Angeles and Nagoya on an alternating basis. Last summer 20 Los Angeles teens, mostly from the Torrance area, toured Japan.

The youths will stay with families of Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y members of the Westchester Branch July 24 through 30 and with families from the Gardena Valley, San Pedro and Peninsula, Torrance and Wilmington-Carson-Dominguez Branches Aug. 5 through 11.

ACCORDING to Dr. Molly Baker, Westchester Branch board chairman and city-wide coordinator for the program, Torrance area families will meet their visitors at a reception party on arrival Wednesday at Los Angeles International Airport and the Westchester YMCA, and later, at a "get acquainted" party Aug. 5 at the Gardena Branch.

While with their host families, the youths will take part in local family life, Dr. Baker said. Only a minimum of special tours are planned.

James Claytor, executive director of the Wilmington-Carson-Dominguez Branch and area coordinator for the program, said a maximum amount of time will be allowed for discussions between Los Angeles and Nagoya teens. All the visitors speak some English.

HIGHLIGHTS of the local visit include a trip to Disneyland Wednesday, Aug. 7; a basketball game with Hi-Y boys at the San Pedro Branch Thursday, Aug. 8; and a Sayonara Party at the Gardena Y Sunday, Aug. 11. Immediately following their week in this area, the

Ranchero Days

Rodeo Slated Next Weekend

The 14th annual Ranchero Days Rodeo will be staged here Friday and Saturday with some of the West's best-riding cowboys scheduled to saddle up for the event.

Sponsored by the Torrance Mounted Police Association and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and sanctioned by the Redondo Cowboys Association, the two-day program will feature the kind of Old West thrills that have made it a perennial crowd-pleaser.

Del Amo Center fairgrounds will be the site for both days' competition, set to begin daily at 2 p.m. Admission will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for kids. A highlight of the event will be the traditional crowning of "Miss Torrance Ranchero Days of 1968," selected from among the queen contest entrants whose sale of tickets sets the highest mark.

Available from the girls and their service club sponsors, the \$1 tickets will make the holders eligible for an expense-paid trip for two to Tahiti, the grand prize.

General chairman for the event is Capt. Art Harkness of the Torrance Mounted Police.

'Symbols' Set Concert

The Symbols of Tyme, prize-winning teenage band, will present a concert for members of the City Council and interested citizens Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Composed of Torrance High School students, the parent-managed group recently won top honors in the nationwide Battle of the Bands in Atlantic City, N.J. Following the half-hour session, Mayor Albert Ison will present group members with a permanent resolution honoring their contest victory.

Teenage Girl Attacked

A 15-year-old Torrance girl was reported in good condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital Saturday after she was attacked Friday night by a man wielding a metal pipe. She told police an unidentified stranger approached her from behind as she was walking home along 226th Street about 9 p.m. When the attacker fled, Barbara ran to the nearby home of a friend for aid. Investigating officers said the victim suffered lacerations on her scalp.

Acid Damages Autos

Paint on 30 automobiles was damaged Friday when a safety valve apparently failed at a Carson industrial plant. Sulphuric acid vapor escaped from the Shell Chemical Co., Wilmington Avenue and 207th Street, when the valve failed at 3:08 p.m. Vapors drifted over the Borden Chemical Co., 20740 Wilmington Ave., damaging cars parked in a nearby lot. Wilmington Avenue was closed for about 15 minutes while firemen washed down the area.